State Government to which the members belong. In case of private members TA/DA will be borne by the Planning Commission as admissible to the Class I officers of the Government of India.

6. The Expert Group will submit its report to the Planning Commission within *six months* from the date of its constitution.

7. The Expert Group will be serviced by the Planning Commission.

(T.R. Meena)
Director(Admn.)

To

All Members of the Expert Group Copy to:

1. Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission
2. Minister of State (Planning)
3. Members, Planning Commission
4. Cabinet Secretary
5. Secretary to the President of India
6. Pvt. Secretary to the President of India
7. Joint Secretary to Prime Minister Shri. Jarnail Singh with reference to his U.O. No. 210/31/C/25/04-ES.I dated 15.07.2004
8. Pvt. Advisers/Advisers, Planning Commission

Mumbai Urban Infrastructure Project

2500. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:
SHRIVIJAYJ. DARDA:
SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra had submitted a Mumbai Urban Infrastructure Project (MUlP) estimated to cost about Rs. 2600 crores;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether despite all emphasis on development of roads as a National Policy, the development of road infrastructure in Mumbai has been held up for want of approval of the MUIP;

(d) if so, the steps being taken to expedite clearance of the project; and

(e) what is the time-frame within which the same is expected to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Maharashtra has formulated the Mumbai Urban Infrastructure Project (MUIP) for upgradation of roads, construction of flyovers and traffic network in Mumbai with the estimated cost of Rs. 2648 crore excluding land acquisition cost.

(c) to (e) The proposal was examined in the Planning Commission and the State Government was advised that as the infrastructural projects required substantial investments and in view of the financial constraints both at the State and the Central level, it was necessary to follow a consortium approach for financing such projects. The bulk of the resources should come from private/institutional sources with minimum budgetary support. There was also a need to pool in resources available under the related schemes of the Central Ministries. The State Government was also advised that problems regarding funding of viability gaps, if any, could be addressed through the Annual Plan mechanism.

Transferring of Centrally sponsored schemes

2501. SHRI DATTAMEGHE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission is identifying Centrally sponsored schemes that could be transferred to States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the time by when a final decision is likely to be taken in the matter?